

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 102

By McMillan

A RESOLUTION to confirm the appointment of Mr. J. Houston Gordon to the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Education Lottery Corporation.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-51-101, provides for the creation of the Tennessee Education Lottery Corporation ("Corporation"); and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-51-103, provides that the Corporation shall be governed by a seven-member Board of Directors, the members of which are appointed by the Governor; and

WHEREAS, on July 9, 2004, Governor Phil Bredesen appointed Mr. J. Houston Gordon, a native of Camden, to serve a five-year term on the Tennessee Education Lottery Corporation Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gordon is a long-time resident of Covington, where he currently practices law; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gordon obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Liberal Arts, *Cum Laude*, from the University of Tennessee at Martin, a Master of Science degree in Taxation from The George Washington University National Law Center, and a Doctor of Jurisprudence from the University of Tennessee College of Law at Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, Mr. J. Houston Gordon honorably served his country and state as Second Lieutenant in the United States Army Military Police Corps, as Captain in the United States Army Judge Advocate General's Corps, and in the Defense Appellate Division of the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gordon has served the State of Tennessee as Assistant District Attorney General, 16th Judicial Circuit, and the people of Tipton County as County Attorney and

Delinquent Tax Attorney. Mr. Gordon also has served as Chairman of the Tennessee Democratic Party; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gordon's highly successful legal practice has led to his involvement and leadership in a number of organizations, including the American College of Trial Lawyers, the American College of Barristers, the American Board of Trial Advocacy, and the Tennessee Bar Foundation. Mr. Gordon has been consistently named one of the "Best Lawyers in America" in civil practice; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gordon has shared his many talents with a variety of civic and service organizations, including the University of Tennessee Board of Trustees, the Dean's Alumni Advisory Council of the University of Tennessee College of Law, the University of Tennessee National Alumni Association's Board of Governors, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, the Covington Gridiron Association, and the Tipton Fine Arts Council; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-51-103(f), provides that each Director appointed while the General Assembly is not in session must be confirmed by joint resolution adopted by each house of the General Assembly within thirty days after the General Assembly next convenes following such appointments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby confirm the appointment of Mr. J. Houston Gordon of Covington to a five-year term on the Tennessee Lottery Corporation Board of Directors, such term to expire on June 30, 2009.